

# WEATHER

Unsettled, with light rain tonight and warmer. Tuesday probably fair; moderate temperature.

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## TASTE FOR PEPPIN

Dollar Dinners No Longer Satisfying to Democrats.

## MARKS BREACH IN PARTY

Progressives Resist Deming of the Conservative Wing.

## SHOWN IN SENATE FIGHTS

Wherever a Candidate Is Suspected of Plutocratic Tendencies Opposition Has Developed.

"Jawn," drew a western democrat to his companion as they ranged alongside the egghead bowl at the Metropolitan table, that is, the democratic dinner that is coming off at Baltimore January 17th.

"Why, that's the big democratic love feast which Champ Clark and Murray Vander and then follows arranged to get all the good democrats together and talk things over."

"But, Jawn, this doesn't seem like a democratic dinner such as we have been having in recent years. We used to pay a dollar a plate, and now they're selling us live and look at the menu—two things have got up. What do you think of that?"

"Not like old days."

"Why, Jawn, there will be some of them democrats who won't know whether Antoinette is a new kind of cheese, a part of the decorations, or a Chesapeake bay panfish. This isn't like our old Jeffersonian dollar dinners when we had main victuals and nothing to drink but plain water."

Although his colleague went on to explain that this is a new democratic party now, up to date and with an appetite whetted for some of the good things the republicans have been feasting upon so long.

The most interesting feature of current political events is the struggle within the democratic party between the conservative and radical factions—the latter being in politics, and therefore more conspicuous than the like controversy that has raged in the republican ranks.

The lower house of Congress in their hands, with increased strength in the Senate and believing all the odds to be in their favor, the democrats are looking forward to a long lease of political life in control of the nation's affairs.

In the dawn of their new day and on the threshold of expected ascendancy for the democratic factions are struggling for supremacy in party domination. It is a clearly defined contest between the old-line conservatives and the progressive element, and the cry of "Onward to new ideals of progress" shouts the other faction.

**Demand for Recognition.**

The first outcroppings of the struggle are showing in the senatorial contests. Old-line democrats are demanding recognition in New Jersey, Ohio and Maine, and are being resisted by the progressives on general principles of succession of their affiliations.

Association of their national interests appears to be sufficient to mark a senatorial candidate for challenge by the progressive element. It is well known that the conservative element elected the platform and the candidate for governor in New Jersey, Ohio and Maine, and that the conservatives who had supported republican candidates in previous elections since 1860 turned the balance last November for the democrats.

Talk New Jersey. Dr. Woodrow Wilson was put forward as the candidate for governor because it was thought he would appeal to the masses, as he did. He is a conservative and a progressive, although it is quite probable that the good doctor himself was not aware of the ramifications, extending even into the financial district of New York city, of the influence that added in his nomination and election.

The first thing Dr. Wilson did when he won the fight was to take his stand by the side of the progressives, and he was representing the progressives, and to start a vigorous attack upon the conservative and his supporters, but to which he acknowledged no allegiance. He has declared uncompromising warfare upon the senatorial aspirations of James Smith, Jr., the type exponent and representative of the "conservative" or "corporation" element of the New Jersey democrats.

**Reasons Back of Fight.**

Obviously he is making this fight in behalf of the vindication of the primaries that selected Mr. Martine as the candidate for senator, but his attacks upon Mr. Smith make it clear that he is also opposing Smith for the things he stands for, in his opinion, stands for. Dr. Wilson and his followers do not want New Jersey represented by a democratic politician who is known as a "corporation man."

In New York the men who made Dixie and his friends the champions of the conservative of the type of Edward M. Shepard for senator. In point of fact, Mr. Shepard was the champion of the platform himself. Whatever Mr. Shepard's ostensible leanings toward progressive politics, he was a machine politician, and his machine was the champion of popular election of senators. His mental process is ultra-conservative. He is the highest type of the corporate lawyer, is of mature years, with settled convictions upon the rights of property and all that goes with it.

Update democrats are opposing a man of his type, but the choice thus far presented does not afford them a wide field for selection. William F. Sheehan is the same type as Shepard, with the important distinction that he is a machine politician. Other candidates put forward are mere tools of Tammany to be useful in seeing that the machine gets its share of a democratic President is elected.

In New York the fight between the progressive and conservative elements is coming first over the selection of a leader in the state senate. Thomas F. Brady has been put forward by the machine as the leader, but the progressives are violently opposing him on account of his record as a machine leader. The progressives do not want to start their legislative career under auspices so well known to be of a character objectionable to progressive principles.

In Ohio Harmon is expected to dictate the selection of the United States senator. Gov. Harmon is a conservative among conservatives, at heart. The popular saying that "he is the friend of his" struck nearer the truth than was intended, perhaps. But the progressives will make a fight for it. The old radical spirit is still strong among Ohio democrats.

In Maine a big row is threatened between the conservatives and progressives. There has already been one flare-up at Charles F. Johnson, the conservative, who has announced his candidacy and Senator Hale was moved to say some kind words about Mr. Johnson. Thereupon the progressives took fright and said that if Johnson suited Hale he surely would not suit them.

That shows the kind of a hair-trigger proposition that democratic politics in Maine is set on.

## MAYOR AMONG MOURNERS

## FOR DEAD FIRE MARSHAL

Funeral Services in Chicago

for Official Who Perished at Fire.

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## THEIR EMBELLISHED

Taft and Roosevelt Said to Enjoy Friendly Relations.

ALLIANCE IS PREDICTED

Report That Loeb Has Shifted His Loyalty Contradicted.

PROPHECIES OF HARMONY

It Is Asserted That the Colonel Will Work for a Taft New York

Delegation in 1912.

President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt have exchanged most pleasant and happy Christmas greetings with each other, and the political world, which has been trying hard to conjure up animosity between them, will be surprised to know that they have been in constant correspondence with each other for months.

Most intimate to its dealings with and discussion of momentous public questions, both national and international. This is the statement today of a man who claims to know what he is talking about.

"These facts," he says, "disposed of a story in New York that the two men are wide apart personally and politically, and that each is already drawing lines for control of the New York delegation to the republican national convention in 1912."

One of the current reports represents William Loeb, Jr., as being compelled to sever his years of close relations with Roosevelt to take charge of the Taft interests in New York in the future. This is known to be as lacking in truth as assertions that Taft and Roosevelt are much estranged and too far apart ever to get together again.

"The nature of the correspondence between President Taft and his old friend, the ex-President, cannot be officially learned, but no denial is made of the assertion that the correspondence has been intimate, friendly and possibly far-reaching, involving various questions of deep interest here and abroad."

**Long Continued Correspondence.**

"No statement is obtainable as to how the correspondence began, but it has probably been going on since before the November elections, when the President and Col. Roosevelt both earnestly sought the election of the republican candidate for governor, Henry L. Stimson."

"That the views of Col. Roosevelt on public questions, whether national or world wide, would be welcomed by the President is well known to intimate friends of the two men, and that Mr. Loeb, who acting always upon his own initiative, would give serious consideration to the ideas of the former President, is also undoubted."

**President Kept Silence.**

"It is a matter of unwritten history now that when the country generally was gloating over the black eye the ex-President gave the New York and elsewhere in the November elections, not a word of sympathy with these expressions came from the White House. Men unquestionably made use of them in talking with the President; they told him that it was a black eye, but that the country had rebuked; that with Roosevelt down and out, everybody would rally to him, and made many similar assertions. The President, however, kept his silence."

"Men well informed, including William Loeb, Jr., are confident that Roosevelt will work in New York for a Taft delegation in 1912, and this certain feeling that the renomination of Mr. Taft will be secured by the direct aid of Col. Roosevelt. It is said, goes far toward reconciling the elements that have been wide apart. Mr. Roosevelt is generally believed to be for Mr. Taft's carrying the party flag in 1912, and predictions are made that before many months there will be no difference in this regard."

**President Taft Hard at Work.**

President Taft worked in the executive offices two or three hours today. He was with his family until about 10 o'clock, when he went to the executive offices and got down to business. Reading and dictation of letters took most of his time. Secretary Meyer and Secretary Nagel dropped in on him a few minutes and wished him the best of the season. They were followed by a number of callers. When the President had disposed of his correspondence he returned to his study and wrote a letter or two. He is expected to take a horseback ride and enjoy the outdoors.

**Owner of Vehicle Carried, Uninjured.**

Six Miles on Engine Pilot.

LEMOYNE, Ohio, December 26.—Thrown on the pilot of the engine of the southbound fast Hocking Valley passenger train, which struck and demolished his buggy and instantly killed his wife, who was riding with him last night, John Bartelsheim, a wealthy farmer, was carried to Pemberville, six miles distant, where he alighted, dazed from the shock and exposure to the cold, but otherwise uninjured.

When he alighted from the engine he still held part of the broken lines in one hand, together with the lap robe.

**KILLED BY HER CALLER.**

Colored Man Claims Gun He Was Examining Accidentally Exploded.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., December 26.—Daisy Crockett, colored, fifteen years old, was shot and instantly killed last night by Oscar Dove, colored, twenty-one years old, who was calling on her. The shooting occurred in a rooming house, where Dove has been paying attention to the girl for some time, says the shooting was accidental. He was examining a shotgun belonging to the dead girl's father, and when he charged in the barrels exploded, entering the left side of the girl and killing her instantly. She fell across the body of her father, who was sleeping on the couch in the same room.

Dove made no attempt to escape. He walked to his home and awaited the arrival of Sheriff Vieth of Rockville. He is held without bail.

**Express Driver Falls on Dashboard in Stupor; Is Strangled.**

CHARLOTTE, N. C., December 26.—Walter Ross, a driver for the Southern Express Company, met death early yesterday morning in a manner never before recorded in the local coroner's office. Kept busy making city deliveries until the small hours of the morning, in very inclement weather, Ross, it is alleged, imbibed freely, and when his team reached the stable he was in a semi-stupor.

A sudden jolt of the heavy wagon threw him forward with his neck on the dashboard, where he hung suspended, and died from strangulation before his blundering realized his condition and went to his rescue. He was thirty-five years old and married.

